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REMARKS

Preliminary to the examination of the present application on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above-identified amendments.

Applicant also wishes to bring to the Examiner's attention the fact that the invention being claimed in the present application and the invention of United States Patent Nos. 6,408,835 and 6,190,221 were subject to an obligation of common ownership at the time of the invention.

Moreover, Applicant wishes to bring to the Examiner's attention some of the language of Claim 13. Specifically, Applicant notes that Claim 13 recites, among other limitations:

the induction system comprising at least one throttle body having a throttle valve and an inlet duct connected to the at least one throttle body, the throttle body and inlet duct at least partially defining an intake passage, a blow-by gas ventilation system comprising ... an outlet communicating with the inlet duct upstream of the throttle valve and a ventilation passage connecting the inlet and the outlet

This is distinct from outlets that communicate with the plenum chamber rather than the inlet duct leading to the throttle body.

Consideration and allowance of Claims 13-20 and 24-31 are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or believes that a telephone interview would speed issuance of a Notice of Allowability, Applicant requests the Examiner to call the undersigned at (949) 721-6359 (direct line). Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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